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For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR INTELLIGENT ROUTING OF DATA
BETWEEN A REMOTE DEVICE AND A HOST SYSTEM



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Examiner: J. GELIN

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT RECEIVED

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention a PCT International Search Report issued January 28, 1999, for counterpart International Application No. PCT/US98/18491.

In the PCT International Search Report, U.S. Patent No. 5,457,680 to KAMM et al., issued on October 10, 1995, is cited as a Y-Category document (i.e., document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art) with respect to at least claims 1-41 of the PCT Application. Fig. 1, col. 2, lines 4-11; col. 4, lines 10-35; col. 5, lines 36-43 and 55-58; and col. 12, line 10 to col. 16, line 49 were indicated to be relevant passages; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,504,746 to MEIER, issued on April 2, 1996, is cited as a Y-Category document with respect to at least claims 1-41 of the PCT Application. Col. 9, line 1 to col. 17, line 60 was indicated to be a relevant passage.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider all of the above materials and cite

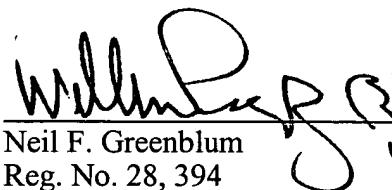
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the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted patents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Because a first Official Action on the merits has issued in this application, the undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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